

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2315 - SB 2370

January 30, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the offense of misdemeanor assault to include conduct which intentionally or knowingly threatens or causes a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, youth services officer, probation or parole officer, a state registered security guard/officer, an employee of the Departments of Correction or Children's Services or members of such persons immediate family to fear imminent or future bodily harm. The bill provides that any sentence imposed for this conduct shall be served consecutively to any sentence currently being served by the defendant at the time of this conduct.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Less Than \$100,000

Estimate assumes, based on reported assaults on law enforcement officers for the year 2000, a minimum of 200 persons per year will be convicted of misdemeanor assault from this conduct and will serve an additional minimum sentence of 15 days in local jails at a cost of \$40 per day. The revenues are estimated based upon these persons paying fines ranging from \$50 to \$500.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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